

or who are separated from their husbands, or whose husbands suffer without hope of recovery from total physical or mental incapacity) will not be eligible unless they undertake to refund on appointment the marriage gratuity paid.

3. Nationality.

Candidates must be British subjects. They must also satisfy one of the following conditions:—

(a) If natural-born British subjects, they must either

(i) have at least one parent who is or was at death a British subject; or

(ii) have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(b) If naturalised British subjects, they must have resided in His Majesty's dominions and/or been employed elsewhere in the service of the Crown for at least five years out of the last eight years preceding the date of their appointment.

(c) If not qualified under (a) or (b) of this paragraph they must satisfy the Commissioners that they are so closely connected with His Majesty's dominions either by ancestry, upbringing or residence, or by reason of national service, that an exception may properly be made in their favour.

Provided that a candidate will not be eligible for an appointment under the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry or Ministry of Supply unless he or she is a natural-born British subject and born within the United Kingdom or in one of the self-governing Dominions of parents also born within the United Kingdom or in one of the self-governing Dominions, except when the circumstances are such as to justify a departure from the general rule, in which case, provided the candidate satisfies the conditions prescribed by the preceding paragraphs, he or she may be admitted to competition or appointment by special permission of the First Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of State for War, Secretary of State for Air, or Minister of Supply, as the case may be.

4. Educational Qualifications.

Every candidate must, on the date he sends in his application, be in possession of one of the under-mentioned qualifications:—

(a) A School Certificate with credit in mathematics or a science subject obtained by passing one of the following examinations:—

The School Certificate Examination of the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board.

The School Certificate Examination of the Oxford Delegacy for Local Examinations.

The School Certificate Examination of the Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate.

The School Certificate Examination of the University of Bristol.

The School Certificate Examination of the University of Durham.

The General School Examination of the University of London.

The School Certificate Examination of the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board.

The School Certificate Examination of the Central Welsh Board.

In place of a School Certificate a candidate may produce evidence of having passed the Matriculation Examination of London University or any other examination which in the opinion of the Civil Service Commissioners is of equivalent or higher standard, or

(b) A General Certificate of Education in four subjects at Ordinary level to include (a) English and (b) a scientific or a mathematical subject, or

(c) The Senior Leaving Certificate of the Scottish Education Department which includes a pass on at least the lower grade in the special subject of mathematics or science, or

(d) A statement from the Scottish Education Department or the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland showing that the candidate has attained a standard equivalent to that represented by the award of the School Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board, including the special qualification in mathematics or a science subject, or

(e) The Ordinary National Certificate. (The Commissioners may admit as eligible under this paragraph candidates who have satisfactorily completed the second year (s.2) of the Senior course), or

(f) The Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology, or

(g) An Intermediate Grouped Course Certificate of the City and Guilds of London Institute in relevant subjects, or

(h) A pass in either

the Forces Preliminary Examination with a pass in either mathematics or natural science, or the Royal Air Force Higher Education Test, Part I, with a pass in mathematics, mechanics or the properties of matter, or

the Admiralty Higher Educational Test, Second Class, with a pass in mathematics or mechanics or magnetism and electricity, but

(j) The Commissioners may also accept as eligible candidates who are unable to comply with the requirements above but who

(i) produce evidence satisfactory to the Commissioners that they have reached School Certificate Credit standard in Mathematics or a Science subject, or

(ii) have served for at least 10 years, on a regular (including a regular short-service) engagement, in the technical branch of H.M. Forces. Such candidates must have served an artificer apprenticeship (where appropriate) or have reached the rank of Petty Officer or Sergeant, or

(iii) are employed full-time as glass-blowers in Government Departments, provided they are nominated by their Department and satisfy the Commissioners of their skill in their craft. Such candidates must be wholly employed in the construction of glassware for use in scientific laboratories.

5. Experience.

Every candidate must have had thorough experience in the duties of the class gained by service in a Government Department or other civilian scientific establishment or in technical branches of the Forces. The experience must cover a minimum period of two years to be completed before the date on which he sends in his application, on duties appropriate to the type of vacancy for which application is made and the two-year period must be recent, subject to allowance for gaps in cases where the experience has been broken by service in H.M. Forces.

6. Competition.

(i) The Commissioners may, at their discretion, summon candidates to preliminary informal interview.

(ii) The Commissioners may, at their discretion, impose a practical or other relevant test upon candidates, or groups of candidates, as seems appropriate.

(iii) Those candidates whose qualifications and experience seem most suitable will be summoned to appear before a Selection Board appointed by the Commissioners. The Board will take into consideration the candidates' record of education and experience, any recommendations that they may receive from persons named by the candidates as having direct knowledge of their work in the past, and the candidates' scientific knowledge and personal qualities as shown at the preliminary interview, the practical or other test imposed, and at the final interview; and on their estimation of all the above evidence the Board will frame their recommendations.

(iv) The decision of the Commissioners will be final.

7. A candidate may make one and only one application under these Regulations.

8. Health and Character.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Commissioners as to their health and character.

9. Candidates Trained as Teachers.

Persons upon whose training for the occupation of teacher public money has been spent cannot be appointed until the consent of the appropriate central education authority (e.g., the Ministry of Education, the Scottish Education Department, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland), has been notified to the Commissioners.

10. Assignment.

It will rest with the Commissioners to determine the Department to which each successful candidate shall be assigned. In making the assignments the Commissioners will be guided by the requirements of the public service but the wishes of candidates will be met as far as possible.